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### **Councilmember Rose Herrera Honors Holocaust Survivors During International Holocaust Remembrance Day Tuesday, January 31, 2012 - 1:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – Councilmember Rose Herrera will proclaim Tuesday, January 31, 2012 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the start of the 1:30 p.m. City Council meeting while honoring nine Holocaust Survivors. Accepting the Proclamation will be Holocaust survivor **Jack Tramiel**, Founder of Commodore International as well as CEO and Chairman of the Board of Atari, Inc. Mr. Tramiel's wife Helen, also a survivor will be in attendance. Other honorees include 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> generation survivors – all members of the Silicon Valley Holocaust Survivors Association.

#### **About Jack Tramiel**

Mr. Tramiel was born as Jacek Trzmiel in Łódź, Poland into a Jewish family. After the German invasion of Poland in 1939 his family was transported by German occupiers to the Jewish ghetto in Łódź, where he worked in a garment factory. When the ghettos were liquidated his family was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp. He was examined by Dr. Mengele and selected for a work party, after which he and his father were sent to the labor camp Ahlem near Hanover, while his mother remained at Auschwitz. Like many other inmates, his father was reported to have died of Typhus in the work camp; however, Tramiel believes he was killed by an injection of gasoline. Tramiel was rescued from the labor camp in April 1945 by the 84th Infantry Division. In November 1947, Tramiel immigrated to the United States. He soon joined the army, where he learned how to repair office equipment, including typewriters. For full biography of Mr. Tramiel click here: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack\\_Tramiel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Tramiel)

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## About International Holocaust Remembrance Day

In 2005, the United Nations designated January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an annual day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Nazi era.

January 27<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year the City of San Jose has acknowledged International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a reminder of the universal lessons of the Holocaust – an evil which cannot simply be consigned to the past or forgotten. This year's theme, chosen by the United Nations, is **Children of the Holocaust**. 1.5 million Jewish children and the tens of thousands of other youths died during the Holocaust. To learn more about the International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2012 go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41061&Cr=Holocaust&Cr1=>

## About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information go to:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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